

**ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH TRACKING SYSTEM (EPHTS)  
NEVADA  
PLANNING CONSORTIUM WORKGROUP**

Meeting Minutes  
August 28, 2003  
Clemens Room  
Clark County Health District  
625 Shadow Lane  
Las Vegas, NV

**TIME: 2:00pm-4:00pm**

**I. Participants:**

**EPHTS Technical Leadership Team**

Ihsan Azzam	Manager, EPHTS Program
Maryanna Moyer	EPHTS Education and Information Officer
Randel Stevens	State of Nevada Dept. of Information Technology
Kathleen Fox-Williams	State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Ed Foster	State of Nevada Dept. of Agriculture

**EPHTS Consortium Members**

Charlene Herst (Facilitator)	State of Nevada Tobacco Prevention and Education Program
Paul Burlack	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Patrick Wall	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Vicki Boothe	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Erin Dixon	Washoe County Health District
Jeanne Palmer	Clark County Health District
David Hoch	Clark County Health District-Dept of Air Quality
Victor Espinoza	American Cancer Society
Gennifer Weaver	Nevada Cancer Institute
Kathy Lauckner	University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Robert Newton	Clark County Health District-Environmental Health
Daniel Maxton	Clark County Health District-Environmental Health
Robinette Bacon	Nevada Department of Education

**II. Agenda Items:**

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Minutes: The Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved from the July 10, 2003 meeting.

**\*\*The following agenda items were presented to the group in a Power Point presentation\*\***

4. Overview of Today's Agenda
5. The National Environmental Public Health Tracking System-Overview: presented by Randel Stevens.

6. Nevada State Environmental Public Health Tracking System (EPTS)-Overview: presented by Ihsan Azzam.
7. EPHTS Organizational Chart: presented by Ihsan Azzam
8. Explanation of the Technical Leadership Team: Roles, Responsibilities, Activities and focus.
9. Current Nevada EPHTS activities:
  - a. Partnerships & Planning by Ihsan Azzam

Following this presentation, facilitator reminded the group to ask any questions at any time during the presentation.

Questions that were asked by consortium members:

1. How will funding continue for this program once the initial phases of the grant(s) are completed? Discussion took place on this issue and no true answer exists. One possible answer included developing policy to reflect funding increase. More information is needed and guidance from Center for Disease Control and Prevention on this topic.

- b. Health Policy by Ed Foster
  - c. Nevada Survey by Randel Stevens
  - d. Education by Maryanna Moyer
  - e. Web Site by Kathleen Fox-Williams
10. Environmental Hazardous Exposures & Health Outcomes Example
11. Workgroup exercise: Due to time constraints the group decided to postpone the exercise until next meeting
12. Summary of Workgroup Activities
13. Public Comment: Many Consortium Members commented on various topics about the EPHTS program including the following:
  - Emphasis on Public Health Indicators
  - Possible Consortium members missing: OSHA representatives.
  - Possibility of different Consortium members presenting what they do and how it relates to the EPHTS program.
  - Possible different ways to attend meetings, i.e. teleconference or web conference. Travel from Northern Nevada to Southern Nevada and vice versa seems to be an issue.
  - Breaking up the group into workgroups to accomplish goals.
  - The frequency of the meetings: i.e. monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly.
  - Mentoring program: other members of the consortium help new members get up to speed on the program and its activities.
14. Establish date and location for the next meeting. A motion was made for the next meeting to be held in October at a location in Reno, NV. The group agreed on date and location. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

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